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November 10, 1980

#### IEPA AND MONSANTO SOIL SAMPLE ANALYSES

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- E. N. Brasfield
- J. H. Craddock
- C. P. Cunningham
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- M. Dmytryszyn
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A report on the IEPA/Monsanto soil samples from Dead Creek will probably be released to the St. Louis media on Wednesday, Nov. 12, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The release will confirm that the soil analyses are in basic agreement and that Monsanto found no elemental phosphorus in its sample. No reference will be made to IEPA's informal question about a possible Monsanto "cleanup" of Dead Creek.

Figures for PCBs and total phosphorus will be included. IEPA results show: PCBs - 10,000 ppm in north end near Queeny Ave.; 350 ppm in center; 73 ppm in south end near Judith Lane. Total phosphorus - 2,000 ppm in center.

Monsanto results: PCBs - 13,000 ppm in north end near Queeny Ave.;  $240~\rm ppm$  in center; 45 ppm in south end near Judith Lane. Total phosphorus -  $2,500~\rm ppm$  in center.

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COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): MCI X News Bureau X J. T. Nolan SUBJECT: Soil Samples -- Monsanto/IEPA <u>X</u> J. E. McKee X J. v. Morse REPORTER & MEDIA: Mike Blackwell, Belleville News-Democrat X D. R. Bishop W. J. McCarville TIME & DATE: November 7, 1980 \_\_\_ W. R. Mulhall \_\_\_\_ J. F. Hussey-Washington, D.C. **OUESTION & RESPONSE:** \_\_\_\_ S. Pickard-Washington, D.C. \_\_\_ New York Public Relations Brussels Public Relations Q. IS THE ANALYSIS OF THE DEAD CREEK SOIL SAMPLES FINISHED MAP PR X MCI PR YET? \_\_\_ MIC PR A. Yes. The plant has completed an analysis of its samples. \_\_\_ MP & R PR We are in the process of reviewing our results with those \_\_\_\_ MTC PR results of the Illinois Protection Agency. — INT'L PR E. N. Brasfield Q. WHEN CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT WAS FOUND? C. P. Cunningham H. W. Curtis A. I really don't know. Keep in mind that Monsanto has M. Dmytryszyn only been assisting IEPA in determining the content of M. R. Foresman the soil samples taken from Dead Creek. Thus, any decisions P. E. Heisler concerning the use or release of information should be J. W. Molloy determined by the IEPA since it is the governmental agency W. B. Papageorge responsible for the Dead Creek investigation. P. S. Park J. J. Spano M. C. Throdahl W. W. Varnado

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cc: C. P. Cunning

M. Dmytryszyn

W. B. Papageorge

In Mr. Papageorge's absence I have been asked to communicate the status of the Dead Creek soil sample analysis. Monsanto analysis of the Illinois EPA split samples from Dead Creek was completed October 28, 1980 and a copy of the report is attached.

From the report, "No elemental phosphorus was detected in any of the samples, which implies that phosphorus is not responsible for the "smoking earth" reported at the site . . . . The results clearly indicate non-uniform contamination at the Dead Creek site."

A meeting has been set with Mr. Kelty, Illinois EPA Laboratory, on November 7, 1980 in Springfield, Illinois to discuss the Monsanto and Illinois EPA sample analysis data and agree on a procedure for release of the information to the public. P. E. Heisler, R. H. Sinise, and Dr. R. G. Kaley will represent Monsanto at the meeting.

	Michael R. Foresman				
FROM	MCI Environmental Operations				
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# CONFIDENTIAL 92-CV-204-WDS

COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): MCI

SUBJECT: Soil Sampling - Monsanto/IEPA

REPORTER & MEDIA: Mike Blackwell, Belleville News-Democrat X D. R. Bishop

TIME & DATE: November 3, 1980

#### **QUESTION & RESPONSE:**

- O. ANY INFORMATION ON THE SOIL ANALYSIS YET?
- A. The report should be ready by the end of the week. At that time, Monsanto will discuss and review its findings along with those of IEPA with IEPA officials.
- Q. I WOULD SURE LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S TALKED ABOUT. WILL I SEE THE REPORT?
- A. I don't know how long the joint review process will take, but the news media will be informed of the report.

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H. Curtis Spano

From: J. W. Molloy

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SUBJECT: Soil Sampling - Monsanto/IEPA X J. E. McKee X J. v. Morse					
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REPORTER & MEDIA: Mike Blackwell, Belleville News Democrat x D. R. Bishop					
TIME & DATE: October 30, 1980 — W. J. McCarville					
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QUESTION & RESPONSE:  J. F. Hussey-Washington					
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Q. I UNDERSTAND IEPA HAS REQUESTED ANOTHER SOIL SAMPLE TO BE New York Public Relati					
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HAVE VOH ACREED?					
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A. Monsanto is not aware of any additional sampling requested MP & R PR					
by the Illinois EPA. — MTC PR					
— INT'L PR					
Q. HOW IS YOUR LAB WORK GOING ON THE SOIL SAMPLES?					
E. N. Brasfield					
A. Monsanto's lab reports are nearing completion. We will C. P. Cunningham	•				
discuss our findings, along with the findings of the IEPA H. W. Curtis					
when both sets of data have been compiled. M. Dmytryszyn					
M. R. Foresman					
Q. DO YOU HAVE A TIME PERIOD FOR YOUR LAB REPORTS?  P. E. Heisler					
J. W. Molloy					
A. They should be completed within the next several days. W. B. Papageorge					
P. S. Park					
J. J. Spano					
M. C. Throdahl					
W. W. Varnado					

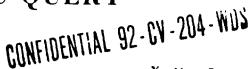
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SU	BJECT: Monsanto/IEPA Sampling Agreement	<u>X</u> _	J. E. McKee J. v. Morse
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Q.	PROGRAM FOR THE DEAD CREEK ARFA.		New York Public Relations
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A.	Yes. We have agreed to a joint sampling and analysis		MAP PR
	program.	<u>x</u> _	MCI PR
ο.	IEPA SAID MONSANTO REQUESTED THE PROGRAM?		MIC PR
	Monsanto offered its assistance to IEPA regarding sampling	, —	MP & R PR
	of Dead Creek. As an industrial citizen of the area we as		MTC PR
	as concerned about the situation as the Illinois officials	<u> </u>	INT'L PR
	and residents are. We hope that our assistance to and		E. N. Brasfield
	cooperation with the IEPA will help resolve the situation.	•	C. P. Cunningham
Q.	IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS IS A "GOODWILL GESTURE?"		H. W. Curtis
A.	Our effort is sincere. We are concerned about the situati	lon	M. Dmytryszyn
	there. It reflects badly on, not only Monsanto, but all		M. R. Foresman
	industry. And we are concerned as a lot of people are and	i	J. W. Molloy
	want to resolve the situation. After all, it is not as if	:	W. B. Papageorge P. S. Park
	Monsanto's offer of assistance is unique to Illinois and		J. J. Spano
	the Dead Creek. I'm sure you remember a few weeks ago our	:	M. C. Throdahl
	offer of assistance to Gov. Teasdale at Ellisville.		P. E. Heisler
Q.	YOU'VE TAKEN SAMPLES ALREADY. WHAT IS THE STATUS?		I. E. Meisiel
Α.	We have taken samples and are awaiting the results.		
Q.	WHY WOULD MONSANTO REQUEST THIS PROGRAM WITH IEPA? IS IT		
	BECAUSE YOU QUESTION THEIR RESULTS?		
Α.	Monsanto offered assistance to IEPA. As you probably know	•	
	these are sophisticated tests and we have the laboratories	3	

- Q. WHERE WILL MONSANTO'S SAMPLES BE TAKEN? I UNDERSTAND TO YOUR QUEENY PLANT.
- A. The samples will be tested at our Central Research Laboratory at the World Headquarters in Creve Coeur.
- Q. WHEN WILL THE SAMPLES BE READY?

and equipment to help IEPA.

A. I can't give you a definite date but, it should take between two and three weeks.

(Reporter's tone of voice during the interview suggested a cynical view toward 'Monstate's goodwill gesture" and the implication that Monsanto didn't trust IEPA to handle the sampling properly.)

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#### ILLINGIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS ENCY

DATE:

September 29, 1980

CONFIDENTIAL 92-CV-204-WUS

TO:

John Renkes

FROM:

Jim Kelty

SUBJECT: IEPA and MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY COOPERATIVE SAMPLING PROGRAM IN

DEAD CREEK, SAUGET/CAHOKIA.

The purpose of this memo is to outline a program for joint sampling and analyses between the IEPA and Monsanto Chemical Company in Dead Creek.

- Sampling will be done on October 2, 1980, beginning at approximately 2:00 p.m. and will be conducted by IEPA, ERU Personnel and Monsanto Chemical Company Representatives.
- 2) Soil samples will be taken from the north, central, and south areas of the ditch from sites previously determind by the IEPA to be contaminated.
- 3) Samples will be split and submitted to respective laboratories for elemental analysis and also organic analysis for PCB's and other chlorinated hydrocarbons. Laboratory procedures will be exchanged.
- 4) Laboratory results should be completed by October 16, 1980, at which time a meeting can be scheduled for the purpose of comparing and discussing results.
- 5) It is requested that all results be kept confidential until such a time that it is mutually agreeable to make them public.

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# CONFIDENTIAL 92-CV-204-WDS

To: E. N. Brasfield

cc: S. G. Collins

C. P. Cunningham

D. R. Bishop

J. T. Nolan

W. B. Papageorge

M. C. Throdahl

The EPA hearing in Cahokia was low-keyed. The upshot is that the EPA says there is no threat to health from Dead Creek and the government people, the Illinois agencies, are now looking into the second phase of their program which involves long-term environmental assessment.

There was no mention of Monsanto. It was merely an informational dissemination session for the press. Because Monsanto's name was not mentioned, there was no necessity to defend the company to the news media.

The press conference was heavily covered by TV, radio and newspapers and there should be widespread coverage tonight.

(I am at the WGK plant with Howard Curtis and have a press release. I will distribute when I get back from the office.)

John J. Spano 11:20 a.m., 9/24/80

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